

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: V Corps Maneuver Management and Maneuver Rights in Germany

1. **Purpose.** Provide an overview of the current state and availability of Off-installation Maneuver training in Germany.

2. **Background.** By treaty and associated international agreements, US Forces and other Germany-based allies continue to enjoy a unique, virtually unrestricted right to conduct Off-installation Maneuvers on public and private land and water in Germany. V Corps G5 Maneuver Management serves as US Forces Executive Agent and Program Manager responsible for the approval, coordination and the conduct of Off-installation land, airborne, and waterborne training operations in Germany and throughout the US Army Europe Area of Responsibility.

3. **Discussion.** Off-installation Maneuver training is an essential tool for commanders to hone war-fighting and peace support skills, training in live environments, under realistic field conditions, in doctrinal formations and depths, in unfamiliar manmade and natural terrain (rather than the well known confines of LTAs, Grafenwoehr, or CMTC). Contrary to the belief of some, the “right” to conduct the Off-installation Maneuver, such a common feature of Cold War-era training, was never lost. The suspension of REFORGER-scale training is a function of our post-Cold War force structure and evolving mission requirements. V Corps G5 still approves and coordinates up to 600 maneuvers in Germany each year (all services and various unit sizes, types, echelons). V Corps units routinely conduct approximately 400 maneuvers annually, with 341 planned or executed during 2004. These exercises tend to be Company or Battalion-size, but may be up to Brigade-size and still be within SOFA limits. Off-installation employment of tracks, heavy wheels and pyrotechnics are permitted. There is no limit on the number of separate maneuvers that may be conducted. Given Major and Local Training Area scheduling constraints, and the advantages afforded by live environment training, units must consider, plan and maximize the use of Maneuver Rights Areas (MRA) as a means of meeting USAREUR and V Corps Redeployment, Reintegration, Reconstitution and Retraining (“R4”) requirements. V Corps G5 will ensure that units receive maximum MRA mission support with our headquarters and regional Maneuver and Consequence Management Officers providing the full range of professional advice and assistance, from beginning to end. We are currently conducting a series of staff assistance visits and professional development classes designed to educate commanders and training officers on the availability, utility and “nuts and bolts” of Off-installation training. Additionally, our existing Maneuver Management system is being reorganized and reinforced to support Retraining in the 1 AD “footprint” with the establishment of Maneuver Coordination Center (MCC) North at Ray Barracks, Friedberg and MCC West, Baumholder. A similar effort for 1 ID’s R4 will follow. Find the governing regulation for Maneuver Rights, forms, points of contact and all other relevant information at: <http://www.vcorps.army.mil/g5/maneuver>

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